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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A ball valve for fuel aggregates, comprising

at least one outlet channel,

at least one inlet channel,

a substantially spherical switching element arranged between the inlet channel and the outlet channel, the inlet channel being able to be connected with the outlet channel or a connection being able to be interrupted by actuating the switching element, and

a sealing element contacting the switching element, wherein said sealing element comprises two sealing lips each of which contacts the switching element along a circular line, wherein said sealing element comprises a foot part for being arranged in a housing, a head part comprising the sealing lips, and an elastic web part connecting the foot part with the head part.

2. (Previously presented) The ball valve according to claim 1, wherein an annular recess open toward the switching element is provided between the two sealing lips.

3. (Previously presented) The ball valve according to claim 1, wherein at least one sealing lip has a pressing surface so that the sealing effect is improved when pressure appears.

4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Previously presented) The ball valve according to claim 1, further comprising a stop element for restricting the axial displaceability of the switching element.
6. (Previously presented) The ball valve according to claim 1, further comprising a clamping ring for fixing the position of the sealing element in the housing.
7. (Previously presented) The ball valve according to claim 6, wherein said clamping ring and/or the sealing element are integrally formed.
8. (Previously presented) The ball valve according to claim 5, wherein said sealing element and/or said stop element are integrally formed.
9. (Currently amended) A ball valve for fuel aggregates, comprising:
- a housing having an outlet channel and an inlet channel;
- a switching element arranged between said inlet and outlet channels, said switching element being rotatable about a rotational axis to selectively connect and interrupt fluid communication between said inlet and outlet channels; and
- a sealing element having a head part, a foot part, and a web part, said head part having two sealing lips for contacting said switching element, said foot part securing said sealing element in the housing, and said web part connecting the foot part with the head part, wherein said web part has a smaller cross section in comparison with said foot part and/or said head part, and wherein said web part is elastic.
10. (Cancelled)